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## 1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton  
Mr. Clinton  
Lt. Col. Pack  
Col. Kirgis  
Lt. Jones

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The Vice-Chairman informed the Committee that eight elements of the [redacted] being produced [redacted] have been received in D/B. These include three Sections 32 (Highway), one Section 34 (Petroleum Pipe Lines), one Section 39.2 (Tractor Trains), one Section 62 (Fuels and Power), one Section 63 (Minerals and Metals), and one Section 65 (Trade and Finance). He stated that these elements were in draft form only, and that discussions were being held [redacted] with respect to plans for the publication of these studies. Until such time as the publication question is settled the drafts will be available in D/B for reference purposes. At the request of the members the Vice-Chairman undertook to look into the possibility of obtaining additional copies for distribution to their agencies.

In this connection, the Vice-Chairman stated that Navy has included a Section 36 (Merchant Marine) [redacted] in the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule, and that it is his information that [redacted] is producing a Section covering the same subject which is very close to completion. For this reason, and also because [redacted] does not appear in any of the three highest JCS priority groups, he suggested that Navy drop the Section 36 [redacted] from the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule and schedule production of the element in a higher priority area. The Navy member agreed to this proposal and the tentative FY 1954 Production Schedule will be amended accordingly.

3. Control Policy

The Vice-Chairman stated that a question had been raised regarding control statements on graphics material included at the end of NIS elements. The policy has been to restrict the entire NIS element to U. S. Officials Only if any portion of the graphics or text, other than "Comments on Principal Sources", is so restricted, and the members re-affirmed this policy. However, there has been an increasing demand for use, outside of the NIS Program, of graphics and map material which appear in the NIS. In order that such material, which is controlled only because it is a part of a controlled element, may be made available, the Committee agreed that the producing agency should indicate in the letter of transmittal to

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D/B that the insert graphics material may be exempt from the control when disseminated separately, and not as a part of the NIS.

The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the "Comments on Principal Sources" sub-Section is restricted to U. S. Officials Only in all NIS elements, but that there is no notice on the cover that an element contains such controlled material when the element is not controlled in its entirety. The desirability of including a warning notice on the cover of such elements was discussed, and it was the consensus of the Committee that recipients of the NIS should be so notified. The Vice-Chairman undertook to prepare an appropriate statement for Committee consideration.

#### 4. Notice of Downgrading of NIS elements

The Army member stated that his agency had recently received a notice of the downgrading of an NIS element, but that this notice contained no date and no clear indication as to where it had originated. In order to avoid any misunderstandings, the Vice-Chairman stated that future notices of the downgrading of NIS elements will originate in D/B, and that this will be clearly indicated in the notification memorandum.

#### 5. NIS 43 (Chapter VIII)

The Army member stated that his agency contemplates producing Section 80 (Introduction) and Section 81 (Ground Forces) on NIS 43 (Indochina) during FY 1954, and because of the situation in that area he suggested the following breakdown within the Sections:

- Part A - to cover the Viet Minh portion
- Part B - to cover the Franco-Vietnamese portion

The Committee agreed to the proposed treatment for these Sections and the two parts will be produced simultaneously and published within one Section cover.

#### 6. Proposed Revision of Chapter VII Outline Guide

In connection with the Outline Guide for Chapter VII, the Air Force member reported that a sub-committee under the SEC had been established to formulate a proposed new Outline, and that he had been designated to represent his agency on this sub-committee. He stated that a recent meeting of the sub-committee was devoted largely to a discussion of the concept of the Chapter VII. It was pointed out that the present Outline Guide for Chapter VII is designed so as to meet the actual requirements of the agencies, with emphasis placed on military planning and needs. This is in line with the Nature, Purpose, and Scope of the NIS Program as stated in the NIS Standard Instructions.

The Committee agreed that any revision of the Chapter VII Outline Guide must be realistically in line with this basic concept, and the Air Force member will convey this view of the Committee to the sub-committee studying the proposed revision.

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7. March Production

The Vice-Chairman announced that the production commitment for the month is 144 Sections of which 96 Sections are overdue from previous months, and 48 Sections are scheduled for March. To date, 31 Sections have been submitted to D/B. He stressed the necessity for maintaining production at an average rate of 53 Sections per month for the remainder of FY 1953 so that the goal of 8 NIS per year set by the JCS will be achieved.

8. Proposed revision of Outline Guide for Section 45

The Army member presented a proposed revision of the NIS Outline Guide for Section 45 (Health and Sanitation) which was prepared by the G-2 Section Coordinator. This proposed revision provides for coverage of civilian medical facilities in addition to the military aspects of the subject already provided for in the present Outline Guide. The State member and the D/B editorial staff will review and comment on the suggested revision, and the matter will be brought up for discussion again at a later meeting.

9. Revision of Outline Guide for Section 1, Supplement I

The Navy member presented a proposal providing for the revision of the Outline Guide for subsections C and D of Section 1, Supplement I. The proposal pertains to a new formula for working out computations of port capacities, and has the concurrence of Army. It has also been informally coordinated with the D/B editorial staff. The Committee took the proposal under study and will act on the matter at the next meeting.

10. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at the call of the Vice-Chairman.

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